

**AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY**  
**Woodridge United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, June 29th, 2025                      3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Music to Prepare Our Hearts**

"Almighty"

Bell Choir

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Carol Todd:** We will call to mind the works of the Lord,

**Many Voices: and remember God's wonders of old.**

**Carol Todd:** In times of trouble, we cry out to God,

**Many Voices: longing for our souls to be comforted.**

**Carol Todd:** When our spirits are weary,

**Many Voices: we reach for God's arms.**

**Carol Todd:** Even when we don't feel courageous,

**Many Voices: we need to receive God's peace.**

**Carol Todd:** Keeping God's deeds in mind,

**Many Voices: we carry them in our hearts.**

**Carol Todd:** For God's ways are holy,

**Many Voices: and God's grace is great.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (*verses 1, 3, & 5*)

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**\*Passing the Peace**

**Opening Prayer**

**Carol Todd:** God of all life and love, we are your children, created to live in joyful relationship with you and with one another. By your grace, we are empowered to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as fully as you love us, and to love others with that same deep compassion. Guide us through your Word, and feed us with the assurance that your way is the true path, the path of love, joy, and peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Offering Ourselves**

Blessing our Gifts with Music

"Amazing Grace"

Bell Choir

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate**

ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 5:13-25 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:51-62 (*NRSVue*)

**Carol Todd:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Song

"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" (*verses 1-4*)

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## Proclaiming

**"Being Fruitful"**

Pastor Dave

## Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

## \*Closing Hymn

"The Summons"

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## \*Dismissal with Blessing

## Going Forth to the World

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Bell Choir